

EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

The court has conducted a *de novo* review of the objections in relation to the pleadings and the applicable law. After careful consideration, the court is of the opinion the objections are without merit. The magistrate judge correctly concluded that the defendant, a criminal defense attorney, is not a state actor and therefore cannot be liable in a lawsuit brought pursuant to Section 1983.

ORDER

Accordingly, the objections filed by plaintiff are **OVERRULED**. The findings of fact and conclusions of law of the magistrate judge are correct, and the report of the magistrate judge is **ADOPTED**. A final judgment shall be entered dismissing this lawsuit.

SIGNED at Beaumont, Texas, this 4th day of March, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Marcia A. Crone", is positioned above a horizontal line.

MARCIA A. CRONE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE